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SUBJECT: SOVIET -WESTERN CIVAIR RELATIONS

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1. FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED DURING MEETING APRIL 15
OF INFORMAL TRANSPORTATION GROUP OF WESTERN EMBASSY
ECONOMIC OFFICERS.

2. AEROFLOT HAS ACTUALLY PAID KLM THE FULL AMOUNTS DUE
FOR 1976 UNDER THE RETROACTIVE PROVISIONS OF THE NOVEMBER,
1976 POOLING AGREEMENT, REFTEL. AEROFLOT IS STILL SELLING
CUT-RATE TICKETS BETWEEN AMSTERDAM-STOCKHOLM. DUTCH
GOVERNMENT HAS WARNED THAT UNLESS THIS PRACTICE ENDS BY
MAY 15, AEROFLOT RIGHTS BETWEEN AMSTERDAM-STOCKHOLM WILL
BE CANCELLED.

3. BRITISH AIRWAYS IS EXPERIENCING VERY SUBSTANTIAL
IMBALANCES IN PASSENGER CARRIAGE IN ITS USSR SERVICE. A
REVENUE POOLING ARRANGEMENT (APPROXIMATELY 50-50) HAS EXISTED
FOR SEVERAL YEARS. THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT APPROACHED BA ON
ADJUSTING THE TERMS OF THE POOL, BUT THE BRITISH, ANTICIPATING
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THIS EVENTUALITY, ARE MAKING EFFORTS TO INCREASE THEIR
NUMBER OF PASSENGERS. AEROFLOT HAS THE RIGHT T SELL ITS
OWN TICKETS IN LONDON AND APPARENTLY HAS ENGAGED IN TICKET
DISCOUNTING.

4. COMMENT: AT NEXT MEETING IN MAY, EMBASSY HOPES TO
RECEIVE CURRENT INFORMATION ON OPERATING POSITION OF OTHER

WESTERN AIRLINES SUCH AS JAL, SABENA, AND SAS TO PROVIDE
BROADER PICTURE BEYOND THAT ALREADY REPEATED TO DEPARTMENT.
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